

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE LAND CONVERT INTO INDUSTRIAL AREA .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agriculture land in several areas has been converted into industrial land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the area of land in hectares converted into industrial area during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) &(b): The land-use classification data indicate that the net sown area has increased from 140.27 million hectare in 1970-71 to 141.23 million hectare in 1999-2000. During the same period, the area under non-agricultural uses has increased from 16.48 million hectare to 22.97 million hectare. It indicates that the net sown area has increased by 0.96 million hectare in the last three decades, whereas area under non-agricultural uses has increased by 6.49 million hectare. It implies, therefore, that even if some agricultural land has been diverted into non- agricultural uses, a large area has been brought under cultivation through reclamation of wastelands and other degraded lands, thereby, increasing the net sown area.

(c): Areas under non-agricultural uses have increased from 22.70 million hectare in 1997-98 to 22.97 million hectares in 1999-2000, indicating that there is a increase by 0.27 million hectare during these three years.